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Sergeant Mike Kessler honored by Sun City Elks

Oct. 17, Sergeant Mike Kessler was honored by the Sun City Elks during their Fire / Law and Order Banquet. The Sun City Elks requested nominees from the various Police and Fire Agencies in the West Valley and the nominee was presented at the banquet and the justification for the nomination was given by the "Department proposer."

As most of us know, Sergeant Kessler has been with the Youngtown Police Department since November of 2008 and has become an integral member of the Police Department. The following Citation was provided on his behalf:

Award Citation for Meritorious Service

Sergeant Mike Kessler of the Youngtown Police Department is a 40 year veteran officer. He served the Detroit Police Department for 14 years and then



Councilmember Mello, Vice Mayor Duran, Councilmember Chittenden, Chief McDonald, Sgt. Kessler, Mayor LeVault, Councilmember MacKay and Councilmember Johnson.

moved to Wisconsin where he joined the Marinette County Sheriff's Department and rose through the ranks and eventually was elected twice as Marinette County Sheriff. Following retirement, Sergeant Kessler moved to Arizona and on Nov. 22, 2008 Sergeant Kessler joined the Youngtown Police Department and was promoted to Sergeant on July 1, 2010.

During Sergeant Kessler's employment with the Youngtown Police Department, the Town has been devastated by financial challenges. As such, like the other members of the Department, Sergeant Kessler has been forced to take on additional workload and responsibility.

Feb. 1, Sergeant Kessler, in addition to his patrol duties, was assigned the additional task of supervising

and managing the Town's Code Enforcement Unit. In doing so, Sergeant Kessler has undertaken a significant challenge of learning a new enforcement field that directly impacts the quality of life for the citizens of Youngtown.

Although Sergeant Kessler has experienced many challenges in his forty years of law enforcement, on Aug. 11 at approximately 1200

hours, Sergeant Kessler was to confront one more significant challenge.

On this date, Sergeant Kessler received a call of a subject threatening suicide with a handgun. Upon arrival, Sergeant Kessler loudly knocked on the door and announced his presence. When Sergeant Kessler did not receive an answer, he slowly entered the apartment and was confronted by a 72 year old man holding a revolver against his head. Sergeant Kessler removed his service weapon from his holster and told the subject (twice) to put the gun down. The subject then told Ser-

MORE KESSLER ON 3

Lessons from the bench: Australia's Pearl Harbor

This month's article is honoring our nation's veterans rather than judicial subjects.

It was called Australia's Pearl Harbor - February 19, 1942. Waves of Japanese fighters and dive bombers from Vice Admiral Nagumo Choichi's aircraft carriers (the same ones that attacked Pearl Harbor just weeks earlier) headed to Australia's North end to the Port of Darwin.

There were 25 ships in Darwin Harbor that morning, a critical Port to the Allied efforts in the East Indies. The ships were packed full with fuel, ammunition ...and American soldiers. They were ready to ship out to Indonesia as a blocking force to the Japanese advance in that region.

A young American Army Sergeant, Edward Carlyle and his men of the 148th Field Artillery Battalion sat in the cargo hold of the merchant transport ship MV Tulagi that morning pondering their fate. To this point, the Japanese onslaught had been unstoppable. The mission for these young American soldiers was to do just that, at the strategic Indonesian island of Timor, some 400 miles North of Australia.

Although tensions were high, the United States and Japan were still at peace when the 148th left Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 2nd 1941. They were part of a convoy headed to the Philippines to support the American forces stationed there. On December 7th as they sailed toward the Philippines, Edward said they were stunned by the announcement that came across

the ships loud speaker. "NOW HEAR THIS...THE JAPANESE HAVE ATTACKED THE AMERICAN NAVAL BASE AT PEARL HARBOR."

Edward said, immediately, everything changed. Men began painting the ships with gray paint, stocking the life boats with provisions and looking to the skies and horizon for enemy aircraft or warships. The American convoy was diverted to Australia which was fortuitous as the island nation of the Philippines was soon in the hands of the Japanese military.

The war started at Pearl Harbor, but now had caught up to Sgt. Edward and his men as they sat helplessly in an anchored transport ship in Darwin Harbor. As the Japanese planes approached, the men were ordered to stay below deck so the enemy would not know the ship was full of troops. It was to no avail; Edward recalled looking up from the cargo hold as a Japanese fighter bomber zoomed over the top of the ship. The plane was sharply banked with the pilot looking down over the side of his open canopy. It was a split second, but the face and goggle covered eyes of that enemy pilot was etched into Sgt. Edwards mind for the rest of his life.

The men braced themselves the best they could for what they knew was coming. Suddenly, it was chaos, the ear splitting roar of exploding shells erupted and white hot shrapnel from bombs tore through ship and men at supersonic speeds. Sgt. Edward held

MORE FROM THE BENCH ON 10

Explore and shop Youngtown: We mean business

Nov. 8, Mayor Mike LeVault has invited commercial property owners to begin a candid and productive dialogue as to how municipal government can make Youngtown a better community in which to work and do business.

This is the first of future planned discussions to



engage in a more precise relationship with the business community. Gayle Cooper, Economic Development Consultant, has been working on various aspects to enhance this mutually desired environment.

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Conundrum

By HONORABLE
MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

In a small town, good things tend to happen faster but so do the bad...

Youngtown finds itself facing a financial conundrum: many of the decisions which, over the years, have preserved its small-town fabric have also limited its prospects for long-term fiscal stability.

Essentially landlocked and dependent on volatile revenue sources severely impacted by the great recession, Youngtown stands at a crossroad: additional budget cuts will probably mean the wholesale elimination of entire service sectors. What is needed, for future sustainability, is an additional source of significant and stable revenue.

A strong economy can mask underlying structural budget problems for years. Just look at the state: out-of-control spending in 2002-2007, often driven by ballot initiative, has generated a structural deficit which will continue to grow until it peaks sometime in the next few years. Much of Youngtown's revenue comes from state revenue sharing sources. We know these revenues will continue to deteriorate for at least the next 2 years and probably longer.

In Youngtown, spending has been slashed in every budget since fiscal year 2006-2007. The Town's current budget has rolled back spending to 2004 levels. The Town Council, Town Manager and staff have already done what must now be done at the state and federal levels.

Youngtown uses a true zero based budget model where every expenditure is examined by a department head, the town manager and, finally, by me before countersigning the check.

In the coming weeks and months, the Town Council will commission a task force of citizens (Youngtown Visionaries) to examine our options for future sustainability and viability. We will also seek outside expert opinion to help us make the best decisions for the Town and its citizens.

I promise you an open, lively and very transparent process where all pertinent issues and realistic options will be thoroughly examined. Public input will be sought out and encouraged at every step in the process. Our small size will allow us to move relatively quickly in analyzing our dire fiscal situation and developing the best strategy and tactics to turn it around.

In the year since this article was first published in the November issue of the Youngtown Village Reporter-much progress has been made. Next month, I'll recap some of the steps that have been taken in the year since the Youngtown Visionaries were seated last winter.



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Former Youngtown Mayor William Kosanovich dies

Mr. William Kosanovich died September 11, 2011 in Saginaw, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, June Kosanovich.

Mr. Kosanovich was appointed to Council on April 17, 1986 to fill a Council vacancy expiring in 1989. He was then elected to a four-year term on Council in the May 16, 1989 General Election. His term expired in June 1993.

Mr. Kosanovich was again elected to a four-year term on Council at the March 11, 1997 Primary Election and was elected Mayor at the June 19, 1997 meeting of the Council. He resigned from the Council August 20, 1998 and moved to Michigan for family health reasons.

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TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR MEETINGS

DATE: SEPT. 15, 2011
 TIME: 6:10 p.m.
 PLACE: TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Approved Resolution 11-26 ordering the work and forming the North Youngtown Street Lighting Improvement District (NYT SLID).

Approved contract with Interim Public Management, LLC, for Economic Development for a total contact price of \$30,200 for services through December 31, 2011.

Approved Community Garden Plan.

Approved Change Order to the contract with NFra, Inc. in the amount of \$23,030

for Youngtown Peoria Avenue Realignment project.

Approved Resolution 11-24 declaring a public record entitled "The 2010-2011 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Youngtown."

Approved Ordinance 11-12 adopting "The 2010-2011 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Youngtown by reference.

Approved Ordinance 11-13 amending Municipal Code Title 3 Revenue and Finance Section 3.08.010 deleting reference to 2007 Tax Code Amendments.

DATE: OCT. 6, 2011

TIME: 7:31 p.m.
 PLACE: TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Approved Resolution 11-27 to close LGIP Youngtown Community Outreach Account.

Approved Ordinance 11-15 corrections to Zoning Map of Youngtown dated September 19, 2011.

DATE: OCT. 20, 2011
 TIME: 7:50 p.m.

PLACE: TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

Approved Authorizing establishment of a Dog Recreational Area to be constructed

along the eastern edge of Schliefer Park, located at 11300 W. Alabama Avenue.

Approved Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Speedy Gonzalez Construction in the amount of \$27,749 for the fire flow improvement project – Phase 1 (CDBG Project DG1008).

KESSLER: Honored by Elks club, From 1

gent Kessler "why don't you shoot me" and pointed his gun directly at Sergeant Kessler. After a short standoff and negotiation, Sergeant Kessler was able to convince the man to put the gun down and once the subject did so, it was learned that the weapon was a fully loaded 45 caliber revolver, cocked and ready to fire.

During this incident, Sergeant Kessler used his 40 years of experience, street savvy and courage to defuse a very emotionally driven matter.

Approximately two weeks later on August 25, 2011 Sergeant Kessler stopped for a cup of coffee at the Circle K at 13232 N. 111th Avenue. At about 0720 hours he was contacted by a teenage female who informed Sergeant Kessler that a white male had just tried to steal her mother's school bus. Sergeant Kessler made a quick response and when he contacted the mother, he was told that the suspect had left the scene and was hiding in a parked vehicle at 11129 West Michigan. Sergeant Kessler approached the parked vehicle and found the subject hiding in the rear seat covered up by a blanket. Sergeant Kessler removed the subject from the vehicle by gun point and when he investigated further, located numerous large

battery cables located in the rear trunk. What became apparent was that this suspect was most likely responsible for stealing batteries from large commercial vehicles; a crime which Youngtown, El Mirage and Surprise all had been experiencing.

While at the scene, Detectives from El Mirage and Youngtown responded to assist Sergeant Kessler when a call of an Armed Robbery was dispatched for the bank located at 107th Avenue and Grand Avenue. Sergeant Kessler immediately responded to the bank and apprehended one of the bank robbery suspects who had been sprayed with 'mace' and temporarily incapacitated by a security guard.

Therefore, in one morning on the job, Sergeant Kessler was able to arrest a 'burglar and an armed robber.' No small feat!

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I make this presentation to Sergeant Mike Kessler of the Youngtown Police Department recognizing his achievements and meritorious service to the Town of Youngtown.

Sergeant Kessler's actions are exemplary and I wanted to share with the residents of Youngtown his receiving this honor!

Terry McDonald, Chief of Police, Town of Youngtown

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A big day for Youngtown Clubs

“Friends of the Youngtown Public Library” are sponsoring a day of sales, entertainment and refreshments for everyone. Come to the courtyard outside of the Youngtown Library on Saturday, December 3 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to enjoy the activities. The “Friends” will be having a big book sale with our popular option of Buy a Bag for five Bucks and fill

it full of hard covers, paperbacks, VHS and DVD’s or any other items we will have available. A quilt made by “Friends” president, Agnes Green will be our Raffle item. Tickets are six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each and are available from “Friends” members and at the Library. You need not be present to win.

The Clubs participating are:

- Wood Carvers will be demonstrating their skills and have some beautiful handmade items for sale.

- Genealogy Society will be holding their annual sale in the area east of the Library.

- Oil and Watercolor will have on display some of their art work and will have pieces for sale.

- Youngtown Community Fund will be joining us with a large selection of medical equipment that had formerly been used for loaning, that is now for sale at very reasonable prices.

- AARP Chapter #1 will have a table of “goodie give-aways” brought back



President of the Friends of the Youngtown Library, Agnes Green, handmade a quilt for the raffle.

from the AARP National Convention. They have a great selection of items for adults absolutely FREE.

- Youngtown RV Club, which is alive and well, will have a selection of items donated by their members for sale.

Music and entertainment will be furnished by our own Sing-A-Long Music Club and the Gospel Music Club. They are always a highlight of any event.

Some of the different Club members will have a table of their items. If

you are a member of a Youngtown Club and wish to participate, 20% of your profit must be donated to your Club treasury. Call Betty at 623-974-9130 to reserve a space.

The “Friends” will have coffee, cider, donut holes and cookies to enjoy for a donation only.

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Youngtown Public Library news for November

Our theme for November is Thanksgiving and because we also celebrate Veteran’s Day this month, we should Give Thanks to a Vet.

The library will be closed on Friday, November 11 to observe Veterans’ Day and Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

The Youngtown Library enjoys a partnership with the Royal Oaks Library in Sun City and wants to express our thanks for their gracious donation of materials recently.

- We offer Story Time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., for ages 1 - 5. If your child wants to have some fun, join us every Tuesday.

- Free beginner computer classes are held Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. You must sign up in advance, as we have limited space.

- As your local information center, the Library offers books, magazines and news-

papers for travel, organization, cooking, reading and many other areas.

- Our library also has a vast selection of “Large Print” books to choose from.

November Month Long Observations:

- Child Safety Protection
- Native American Heritage
- Peanut Butter Lovers

Dates to celebrate:

- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day, and Book Lovers Day
- Nov. 2 - Day of the Dead
- Nov. 11 - Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 17 - World Peace Day
- Nov. 18 - Mickey Mouse’s Birthday
- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day

We are located in Clubhouse Square and are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our four public computers are available until 3:45 p.m. every day. For a personal tour of the Youngtown Historical Museum, call the library today at 623-974-3401.

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Local parks give residents a place to go

By **JIM FOX**
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

As most of us know, The Town of Youngtown actually has many attributes. One of Youngtown's greatest physical attributes is its Parks. When you start counting, the Town hosts seven Parks within its borders (Uribe, Memorial, Caliche, Maricopa Lake, Schliefer, South Greer and North Greer). Over the years, the Parks have evolved and changed somewhat, but they still continue to provide residents with a wonderful place to enjoy nature and recreate.

I have only been employed with Youngtown for a little over a year, and when I first was hired I was very impressed that a small

town could have such nice amenities and so many of them. We have playgrounds, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, a lake with fishing, public restrooms at five park locations, a bandstand, a gazebo with built-in grills, picnic areas with grills, dog watering stations, a Cactus Garden and even one park with a lighted practice field. Not bad for a Town of 6,500 people.

The Public Works Department has a Parks Division that cares for all of Youngtown's Parks and amenities. This is quite the undertaking when you think of all the maintenance involved in maintaining and keeping our Parks the best they can be. The Public Works group works hard at

caring for all of the plants at the Parks. Sometimes Mother Nature plays some pranks on us and blows a tree over or uproots a cactus. Some of these plants have special meaning to individuals who donated them in memory of a loved one or just wanted to add to the glory of our park. Although we try, we can't save every tree that becomes a victim of a storm. On the other hand, recently, the Town of Youngtown hosted the G.A.I.N. event (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) and this year added the S.A.F.E. run (Safety and Fire Education). These two activities brought many non-residents to our little oasis in the midst of the metropolis. When the 10K run was being planned our focus was to bring the

runners through our parks to "show-off" what we have.

I received so many comments complementing our beautiful parks and amenities. Quite a number of runners claimed Youngtown's Parks is a well-kept secret, because they had no knowledge what existed south of Grand Avenue. That comment begs the question... why are we keeping this a secret?

Youngtown Dog Park - Update

By **MARGARET CHITTENDEN**
COUNCILMEMBER TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

Oct. 20, 2011 the Youngtown Town Council approved the site at Schliefer Park, 113th and Alabama Avenues for the proposed Youngtown Dog Park.

The Council's approval of the site will enable the committee to seek grants, donations and various avenues of funding to build the site into a clean environment area for people and their dogs.

The grassroots committee held six meetings starting in June, 2011 and has an upcoming one scheduled for November 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m., at the Youngtown Methodist Church (113th and Alabama Avenues). This meeting will be important to move the project from concept to reality

by seeking funding sources.

Councilmember/Advocate Margaret Chittenden states her deep appreciation for the Daily News Sun's printing of the Committee's progress over the past four months, Town Council for their approval of the site, Town staff for their support to guide the Committee through governmental complexities and the Youngtown Methodist Church for use of their facility.

Upon Council approval the supporters will organize a campaign to seek donations for necessary features to ensure a pleasant, functional and low-maintenance dog recreational area for the community.

Direct any comments to Councilmember/Advocate Chittenden at 623-974-9756 or at Town Hall, 623-933-8286.

Emergency tests scheduled for Nov. 9

A nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, at noon MST. The test will be broadcast over radio and television stations statewide and last approximately three minutes. The

EAS has never before been tested simultaneously nationwide.

The Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, in cooperation with local and State agencies, will also test the 48 outdoor warning sirens located within the 10-mile

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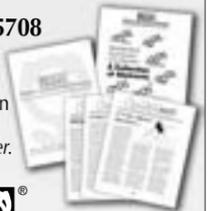
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Duran, Jacob E3 Seaman, United States Navy Military Occupational Specialty, Storekeeper, USS Pollux Yokosuka, Japan 1962-65

Jacob Duran in his own words:

I was drafted at age 21. Eating Army rations had no appeal to me, so I went into the Navy. We were a supply ship of 185 enlisted men and 15 officers. It was the USS Castor Class General Stores Issue Ship. Our job was to supply anything needed to other ships at sea so they could operate for extended periods of time. Our base was in Yokosuka, Japan and we went out about two weeks at a time transferring men and materials to other ships. We would come along side to the ship we were to supply which could be anything from a cruiser to an aircraft carrier. We had to match speeds and shoot a rope over to the other ship. It was then attached to a transfer cable



that we used to exchange everything between the two moving vessels.

Whenever we hit the breakwater it was rough going and some men were lost over the side during the operations. The Navy was a great experience for me as I got to see the world. We were making ports of call in such exotic places like Hong Kong, Guam, Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines. In 1965

we were off the coast of Vietnam and as the war escalated we had to pull back closer to Japan. I remember the comradery with my fellow sailors and the good food we had on board. We went through typhoons and a lot of sea sick days on that ocean but we did our job.

Jacob "Jack" Duran is the Vice Mayor of Youngtown.

The name Hue will forever stand out as one of the bloodiest battlegrounds in Marine Corp history. The year was 1968. It was the year of the Tet offensive and the heaviest fighting of the Vietnam War. Bob Taughner was there with the 1st Marines...The tip of the spear.



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VETERANS: Honoring those who served, From 8

Taughner, Robert L., United States Navy
Attached to 1st Marines: Military Occupational specialty, Corpsman
Republic of Vietnam 1968: Bosnia 1999

Bob Taughner in his own words:

I was 19 years old when I went into the Navy. I was attached to Bravo Company 1st Battalion 27th Marines, 1st Marine Division. I was the senior Company Corpsman. Our job was to provide immediate medical aid to those wounded regardless if the bullets were still flying. We were prized targets for the NVA, they never respected the Red Cross because if they could kill a Corpsman, they knew more wounded Marines would die. My best memory was of the Med Cap operations. At great risk, we would go into Vietnamese



villages and provide much needed medical care to the women and children. The NVA absolutely did not want us helping the indigenous population as it would undermine their efforts. Being a Corpsman meant we carried a hospital bag...and an M-16. On April 13, 1968 shortly after the Marines took back Hue City from the NVA during the massive Tet offensive, I was in a Company sized unit designated as a blocking force on a search and destroy mission. We just walked through a rice paddy about to enter a village outside of Hue. Unfortunately, the village was occupied by

an NVA battalion. We immediately engaged them but were soon surrounded. The firefight lasted from 6 a.m. until dusk. We survived only because the weather cleared enough for two carrier based F-8 Crusaders to come in and napalm the enemy. Of the 90 Marines that went in only 50 of us came out alive.

Bob Taughner is a Detective for the Youngtown Police Department.

Military Occupational Specialty, Crew Chief: Strategic Air Command
Republic of Vietnam, Japan, Thailand and the World 1962-66
Smythe, Waymon Airman 1st Class USAF

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Waymon Smythe in his own words:

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FROM THE BENCH, From 1

his Thompson machine gun close to his chest and tried to make himself as small as possible as the attacking planes dove down strafing and skip bombing the Tulagi and other ships in the harbor.

Soon, the order came to abandon ship; Edward said no one had to be told twice. As the men scrambled over the side and into the water, they were strafed by the attacking fighter planes crisscrossing the Tulagi.

Before going over the side, Sgt. Edward stopped briefly to look at the lifeless bodies of three American heroes that paid the ultimate price while manning 50 cal. machine guns on the deck of the Tulagi. There was nothing anyone could do for them. Everywhere, ships were under attack and exploding in the

harbor from that first wave of 188 Japanese aircraft; even the fully marked Australian hospital ship was not spared.

The Tulagi's life boats were all shot up and the men held on to whatever floated. Sgt. Edward and others helped keep a badly injured soldier above water by placing him on some floating pallets as they made their way to a nearby island ever careful to evade the burning patches of oil.

The waters in Australia's Northern Territories with their deadly sea snakes, salt water crocodiles and sharks are among the most dangerous in the world, but taking chances with these perils were preferable to being bombed and strafed while on the doomed ship.

Edward recalled that he expected the worse as he saw

the Japanese planes form up and head toward him and his men helplessly floating in the water. The men expected to be hit with daisy cutter bombs, but the planes just passed over and headed back to their carriers having expended all of their ammunition.

That was just the beginning of the war for Sgt. Edward. The bloody campaigns that took place in New Guinea, Timor and the Philippines were yet to come. The war started out badly for the unprepared Americans, and the learning curve was measured in lives. The enemy was well trained, experienced...and utterly ruthless. The young American soldiers were initially shaken, but soon battle hardened with experience and by the unimaginable atrocities they witnessed.

Edward stated, "if you were unfortunate enough to be

captured, you would be either bayoneted or beheaded by a Japanese officer that wanted to use his sword". No quarter was expected...and none given."

The campaigns went on for years in the jungle islands of the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. Edward said no one really knew for sure how things were going on the grand scale, only what was happening in their particular part of the war.

Sgt. Edward and his men were bombed or strafed almost daily when the Japanese had air superiority over the islands. But slowly, things began to change. In one campaign Sgt. Edward and his men could hear the roar of fighter planes coming in. As they looked up through trees, rather than Japanese Zeros, they saw for the first time, the new American twin tail P-38 Lightning's flying in support of their advance on the enemy positions.

Edward said "it was at that very moment, I knew we were going to win the war, and that I would see my mother again".

After the war, he spoke very little, of the bloody island battles.

In the 1950's, it was common for young schoolboys to ask their fathers "what did you do in the war dad?" and Edward's children no exception with their curiosity.

Perhaps it was to shield them from hearing of the horrors of war, or perhaps he just didn't want to remember, but he would just tell them "Oh, not much, I just shot coconuts out of the trees." and leave it at that.

It was not until decades later at one of Edward's military reunions did his grown children learn what the "coconuts" really were and what he and his young fellow soldiers had endured for years in those

jungle islands so far away from home.

The war in the Pacific ended, and Sgt. Edward put down his gun.

Over the years his 148th military reunions got progressively smaller and like many of the war memories faded away. At 93, Edward is the last known survivor of his unit; he still carries the physical scars and perhaps even some dark memories of that awful time. Edward and all American veterans of that war truly did save the world.

Edward was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. At the wars conclusion, he finally did get to come home and see his mother, a decade later, I saw her too. For you see, Edward's mother, was my grandmother, and Edward, was United States Army Sgt. Edward Carlyle Anderson... my father.

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VETERANS, From 9

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My most terrifying time in the air was when we got caught in Hurricane Dora off the coast of Puerto Rico. Our aircraft (KC-135) was fully loaded with fuel as the storm enveloped us at 10,000 feet over the ocean. We were rocked and tossed around in the heavy rain so wildly that two out of our four engines were knocked out. The turbulence and damage to the aircraft was so severe I didn't think were world survive, but we did.

Waymon Smythe is a Code Compliance Officer for the Town of Youngtown.



Brice, Norm, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps Task Force Papa Bear: 1st Marine Division Gulf War (Desert Storm)

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Norm Brice in his own words:

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Norm Brice is a Youngtown Police Officer.

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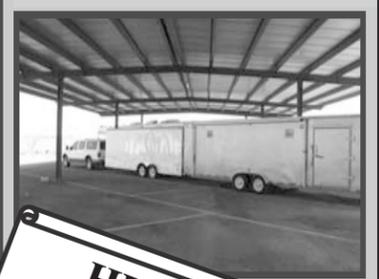


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